THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission issued on 30th January, 2004 the Regulations on Open Access in inter-State transmission in pursuance of the Electricity Act, 2003. Subsequently, based on the feedback of stakeholders and after hearing, the Commission has brought certain amendments to these regulations which will be effective from 1st April, 2005.

According to these Regulations, the transmission charges for short term customers shall be declared in terms of Rupees/MW/Day. However, for part day users up to 6 hours in a day in one continuous block, only one fourth (1/4th) of the per day charges shall be applied. Similarly for part day users up to 12 hours in a day in one continuous block, only half the per day charges shall be applied.

Pendency of power projects

†2425. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards media reports about pendency of power projects for twenty years;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon;

(c) what are the reasons for non-completion of the such projects even after a lapse of such a long time;

(d) what has been the additional burden of funds on the Centre on account of pendency of these projects;

(e) whether Government propose to hand over these projects or some of them to private sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to constraints, such as natural calamities, geological surprises, delays in land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation problems, legal disputes, delays in clearances, non-availability of funds, etc. considerable time and cost overruns have occurred in a few hydro-power projects.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The monitoring mechanism has been strengthened to avoid time and cost overruns in power projects and specially hydro power projects. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has a nodal officer for each project, both at the conception stage as well as during execution. In addition, regular in depth review meetings are being organized in the Ministry of Power.

(d) The information with regard to major hydro projects is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

Major Hydro Projects

Name of Project	Original cost (Rs. crore)	Year of investment approval	Cost now anticipated (Rs. crore)	Anticipated year of commissioning
Nathpa Jhakri Hydro-electric Project (HEP) (6x250 MW) Himachal Pradesh, Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited.	1678.02 (9/88 price level)	1989	8187.713 (Sept., 2002 price level)	Commissioned
Dulhasti HEP, 390 MW, Jammu & Kashmir, National Hydro-electric Power Corporation, (NHPC)	183.45	1982	4604.93	2005-06
Ohauliganga HEP, 280 MW, NHPC, Uttaranchal	601.98	1991	1578.31	2005-06
Tehri HEP-h 1000 MW, Hydro Development Corporation, Uttaranchal	3391.40	1994	6621.32	2005-06

Floating of IPOs of PGC and PFC

2426. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the appointment of Merchant Bankers for the forthcoming IPOs of Power Grid Corporation and Power Finance Corporation;

(b) the total amount that Government is thinking of raising through Power Grid and Power Finance Corporation;